

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

~~What is disclosed is a method comprising 1) discovering a new unit deployed within a data center; 2) finding a configuration template for the discovered unit; and 3) automatically installing software on the discovered unit based upon the configuration template.~~ The invention includes a method, system, and article to automatically soft configure a node, such as a compute node, in a data center. The data center may have several racks and a unit may be installed in one of the racks as the node. Each rack may be identified by a unique rack location. The data center may include various servers, devices, and rack locations tied together through a Local Area Network (LAN) mechanism. A new unit deployed within the data center may be discovered. A configuration template for the discovered unit may then be found. Based on the configuration template, software automatically may be installed no the discovered unit.

Please replace the abstract paragraph of page 20 with the following amended paragraph:

~~A method comprising 1) discovering a new unit deployed within a data center; 2) finding a configuration template for the discovered unit; and 3) automatically installing software on the discovered unit based upon the configuration template.~~ The invention includes a method, system, and article to automatically soft configure a node, such as a compute node, in a data center. The data center may have several racks and a unit may be installed in one of the racks as the node. Each rack may be identified by a unique rack location. The data center may include various servers, devices, and rack locations tied together through a Local Area Network (LAN) mechanism. A new unit deployed within the data center may be discovered. A configuration template for the discovered unit may then be found. Based on the configuration template, software automatically may be installed no the discovered unit.